

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given to the present application.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 10. The Examiner has indicated that Claim 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 10 originally depended directly from Claim 1. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 10 and Claim 10 has been canceled. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claim 1 is hereby overcome. It is additionally respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8 is also overcome through their dependence on Claim 1. Allowance of Claims 1-3, 6-8 is respectfully requested.

Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 13. The Examiner has indicated that Claim 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 13 originally depended directly from Claim 11. Accordingly, Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 13 and Claim 13 has been canceled. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claim 11 is hereby overcome. It is additionally respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claims 12 and 14 is also overcome through their dependence on Claim 11. Allowance of Claims 11, 12 and 14 is respectfully requested.

Claim 11 – in last 2 lines, front changed to outer and rear changed to inner; to maintain proper antecedent basis; inner ~~rear for claim 14~~

Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 18. The Examiner has indicated that Claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 18 originally depended directly from Claim 15. Accordingly, Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 18 and Claim 18 has been canceled. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claim 15 is hereby overcome. It is additionally respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claims 16 and 17 is also overcome through their dependence on Claim 15. Allowance of Claims 15-17 is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowance of Claim 19.

Summary

It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative to discuss any matters further.

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Respectfully submitted,

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